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                                           ) Case No.: 1:14-11057-AA
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                                           ) DEBTORS' NOTICE OF OPPOSITION AND
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                                           ) OPPOSITION TO TRUSTEE'S OBJECTION TO
                 Debtor(s),
                                           ) EXEMPTION, POINTS AND AUTHORITIES,
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                                           ) AND DECLARATION IN SUPPORT OF
                                          - ) OPPOSITION
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                                           ) Hearing Date: July 3, 2014
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                                           ) Time: 9:30 AM
    ELIZABETH F. ROJAS,
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                                           ) Woodland Hills, CA 91367
                Trustee,
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          TO THE HONORABLE ALAN AHART, UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY JUDGE, THE
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    CHAPTER 13 TRUSTEE, AND ALL INTERESTED PARTIES:
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          PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Debtors hereby oppose the Trustee's
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    Objection to Debtors' Claim of Exemption Filed 06/18/2014 (Docket #26). The
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    objection is based on the attached points and authorities, declaration, and
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    attached exhibits.
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                                             Submitted By:
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                                            By:_/s/ Brett F. Bodie
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OPPOSITION TO TRUSTEE'S OBJECTION TO EXEMPTION

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MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND AUTHORITIES IN SUPPORT OF DEBTOR'S OPPOSITION TO TRUSTEE'S OBJECTION TO CLAIM OF EXEMPTION.

This opposition is brought in accordance with Local Bankruptcy Rule ("L.B.R.") 9013-1(f). The Court has jurisdiction to hear this matter pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §157 and 28 U.S.C §1334.

#### I. STATEMENT OF FACTS

- 1. The Debtors' Chapter 13 bankruptcy case was filed on 02/28/2014 as a skeletal emergency petition.
  - 2. The balances of schedules and forms were filed on March 13th, 2014.
- 3. The Debtors' original Schedule C claimed the Debtors' term life insurance policies "exempt to the statutory limit" and cited CCP §703.140(b)(7). The Debtors' original Schedule C also claimed the Debtors' retirement accounts "exempt to the statutory limit" and cited CCP §703.140(b)(10)(E). The original Schedule C is attached hereto as Exhibit A.
- 4. The Debtors exemptions were chosen in light of the ruling in Schwab v. Reilly 130 S. Ct. 335 (2009), and the exemption verbiage did not contain language such as "100% exempt."
- 5. The Debtors and their Counsel attended the 341(a) Meeting of Creditors on April 16, 2014. The Staff Attorney for the Chapter 13 Trustee explained that the Trustee's office would object to the Debtors' exemptions as described in paragraph 3 above.
- 6. Although the Debtors and their Counsel believe the original exemption verbiage to be proper, after discussion with the Clients, the Debtors elected to voluntarily amend their Schedule C to change the disputed exemption verbiage as requested by the Chapter 13 Trustee's office.
- 7. An amendment to Schedule C was filed 05/22/2014 which replaced the verbiage claiming the Debtors' life insurance policies and retirement accounts as "exempt to the statutory limit" with actual dollar amounts

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claimed exempt. This was done expressly to comply with the Trustee's request. The Trustee was noticed of the amendment. A copy of the amendment is attached hereto as Exhibit B.

- 8. Debtor's Counsel attended the confirmation hearing on 06/05/2014, where all outstanding issues with the Chapter 13 plan were resolved. The confirmation hearing was continued solely for the Debtors to provide updated post-petition secured debt payment declarations.
- 9. On 06/18/2014, the Trustee filed an Objection to the Debtors' claimed exemption. The Trustee's objection cites the *original schedule C and the verbiage described in paragraph 4 above*. The Trustee's objection states no amendment has been filed, although an amendment to Schedule C was filed on 5/22/2014.

#### II. ARGUMENT

Debtor's Counsel believes that the Trustee's Objection to Claim of Exemption was filed in error, as an amendment was filed on 5/22/2014 which makes this objection moot. The Trustee's Objection cites the original schedule C and attaches it as an exhibit to the Objection. The Objection also states incorrectly that no amendment to schedule C has been filed.

This issue is moot as there was an amendment to Schedule C previously filed which amended the schedule to remove the exemption verbiage at issue.

#### IV. CONCLUSION

The Debtors respectfully request this Court enter an order denying the Trustee's Objection to Debtor's Claim of Exemption, as there was a previous amendment filed which removed all verbiage cited in the Trustee's objection, rendering the Objection moot.

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Dated this 06/19/2014 Submitted By: Bankruptcy Law Center

By:\_/s/ Brett F. Bodie
Attorney For Party

#### DECLARATION IN SUPPORT OF MOTION

I, Brett F. Bodie, am over the age of 18 years and hereby declare as follows: I am an attorney licensed to practice law in California and I am admitted to practice in the United States Court Central District of California. The facts contained in this motion are of my own personal knowledge, based upon meeting or discussion with my client, my notes and/or review of our internal file, or my review of the Court's file in this case. I certify that any attached Exhibits are true and correct copies of conformed, filed, documents in this case.

I swear under penalty of perjury the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed in Encino, Ca on June 19, 2014

/s/ Brett F. Bodie Brett F. Bodie

### EXHIBIT A

## ORIGINAL SCHEDULE C

B6C (Official Form 6C) (4/13)

In re Alejandro Flores, Case No. 1:14-bk-11057
Lorraine Gomez

Debtors

#### SCHEDULE C - PROPERTY CLAIMED AS EXEMPT

Debtor claims the exemptions to which debtor is entitled under:

(Check one box)

11 U.S.C. §522(b)(2)

11 U.S.C. §522(b)(3)

Check if debtor claims a homestead exemption that exceeds

\$155,675. (Amount subject to adjustment on 4/1/16, and every three years thereafter with respect to cases commenced on or after the date of adjustment.)

Description of Property	Specify Law Providing Each Exemption	Value of Claimed Exemption	Current Value of Property Without Deducting Exemption
Cash on Hand Cash on hand Location: In Debtors' Possession	C.C.P. § 703.140(b)(5)	50.00	50.00
Checking, Savings, or Other Financial Accounts, C Schools First FCU Checking x5975 - Balance Less Than	Certificates of Deposit C.C.P. § 703.140(b)(5)	1,000.00	1,000.00
Water & Power Community Credit Union Savings Acct - Balance Less Than	C.C.P. § 703.140(b)(5)	50.00	50.00
Household Goods and Furnishings Misc used household goods and furnishings Location: 11923 Ratner St, North Hollywood CA 91605	C.C.P. § 703.140(b)(3)	2,000.00	2,000.00
Wearing Apparel Misc used clothing Location: 11923 Ratner St, North Hollywood CA 91605	C.C.P. § 703.140(b)(3)	1,000.00	1,000.00
Furs and Jewelry Misc used jewelry Location: 11923 Ratner St, North Hollywood CA 91605	C.C.P. § 703.140(b)(4) C.C.P. § 703.140(b)(5)	1,525.00 475.00	2,000.00
Interests in Insurance Policies Primerca Term life insurance policy for Debtorno cash value, believed no saleable value	C.C.P. § 703.140(b)(7)	Claimed exempt to the statutory limit	0.00
Primerca Term life insurance policy for Joint Debtor no cash value, believed no saleable value	C.C.P. § 703.140(b)(7)	Claimed exempt to the statutory limit	0.00
Interests in IRA, ERISA, Keogh, or Other Pension of Joint-Debtor's CalPERS Account	or Profit Sharing Plans C.C.P. § 703.140(b)(10)(E)	Claimed exempt to the statutory limit	16,981.12
Western Conference of Teamsters Pension Trust Has no liquidatable value. Debtor is entitled to monthly retirement benefit of \$1165 per month at retirement age.	C.C.P. § 703.140(b)(10)(E)	Claimed exempt to the statutory limit	0.00
Automobiles, Trucks, Trailers, and Other Vehicles 2007 Chevrolet Silverado 88k mi Location: 11923 Ratner St, North Hollywood CA 91605	C.C.P. § 703.140(b)(5)	432.00	9,791.00

<sup>1</sup> continuation sheets attached to Schedule of Property Claimed as Exempt

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	Lorraine Gomez				
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### SCHEDULE C - PROPERTY CLAIMED AS EXEMPT

(Continuation Sheet)

Description of Property	Specify Law Providing Each Exemption	Value of Claimed Exemption	Current Value of Property Without Deducting Exemption
2007 Chevrolet Tahoe 100k mi Location: 11923 Ratner St, North Hollywood CA 91605	C.C.P. § 703.140(b)(2) C.C.P. § 703.140(b)(5)	5,100.00 9,050.00	14,150.00

Total: 37,663.12 47,022.12

### EXHIBIT B

AMENDED SCHEDULE C FILED 05/22/14

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## UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

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	AMENDED SCHEDULE(S)	AND/OR STATEMENT(S)				
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B6D (Official Form 6D) (12/07)

In re	Alejandro Flores Lorraine Gomez		Case No.	1:14-bk-11057	
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#### AMENDED SCHEDULE D - CREDITORS HOLDING SECURED CLAIMS

State the name, mailing address, including zip code, and last four digits of any account number of all entities holding claims secured by property of the debtor as of the date of filing of the petition. The complete account number of any account the debtor has with the creditor is useful to the trustee and the creditor and may be provided if the debtor chooses to do so. List creditors holding all types of secured interests such as judgment liens, garnishments, statutory liens, mortgages, deeds of trust, and other security interests.

List creditors in alphabetical order to the extent practicable. If a minor child is the creditor, state the child's initials and the name and address of the child's parent or guardian, such as "A.B., a minor child, by John Doe, guardian." Do not disclose the child's name. See, 11 U.S.C. §112 and Fed R. Bankr. P. 1007(m). If all secured creditors will not fit on this page, use the continuation sheet provided.

If any entity other than a spouse in a joint case may be jointly liable on a claim, place an "X" in the column labeled "Codebtor," include the entity on the appropriate schedule of creditors, and complete Schedule H - Codebtors. If a joint petition is filed, state whether the husband, wife, both of them, or the marital community may be liable on each claim by placing an "H," "W," "J," or "C" in the column labeled "Husband, Wife, Joint, or Community."

If the claim is contingent, place an "X" in the column labeled "Contingent." If the claim is unliquidated, place an "X" in the column labeled "Unliquidated." If the claim is disputed, place an "X" in the column labeled "Disputed." (You may need to place an "X" in more than one of these three columns).

Total the columns labeled "Amount of Claim Without Deducting Value of Collateral" and "Unsecured Portion, if Any" in the boxes labeled "Total(s)" on the last sheet of the completed schedule. Report the total from the column labeled "Amount of Claim Without Deducting Value of Collateral" also on the Summary of Schedules and, if the debtor is an individual with primarily consumer debts, report the total from the column labeled "Unsecured Portion, if Any" on the Statistical Summary of Certain Liabilities and Related Data.

Check this box if debtor has no creditors holding secured claims to report on this Schedule D.

	Husband, Wife, Joint or Community									
CREDITOR'S NAME AND MAILING ADDRESS INCLUDING ZIP CODE AND AN ACCOUNT NUMBER (See Instructions Above)	C O D E B T O R	H W J C	DATE CLAIM WAS INCURRED, NATURE OF LIEN, AND DESCRIPTION AND VALUE OF PROPERTY SUBJECT TO LIEN	C O N T I N G E N T	U N L I Q U I D A T E D	D I S P U T E D	AMOUNT OF CLAIM WITHOUT DEDUCTING VALUE OF COLLATERAL	UNSECURED PORTION, IF ANY		
ACCOUNT NO. 149972730			Opened 3/01/07 Last Active							
			12/16/13							
Bank of America Attn: C Unit/CA6-919-02-41			Deed of Trust							
Po Box 5170			11923 Ratner St North							
Simi Valley, CA 93062		С	Hollywood, CA 91605							
			VALUE \$300,000.00				\$492,495.00	\$192,495.00		
ACCOUNT NO. 6070562913181008			Opened 2/01/13							
Onemain Financial			Non-Purchase Money Security							
Po Box 499			2007 Chevrolet Silverado 88k mi							
Hanover, MD 21076			Location: 11923 Ratner St, North							
		С	Hollywood CA 91605							
			VALUE \$9,791.00	1			\$9,359.00	\$0.00		
	Total(s) CORRECTED: CORRECTED:									
			(Use only on last page)				\$501,854.00	\$192,495.00		

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Debtor(s)

#### AMENDED SCHEDULE D - CREDITORS HOLDING SECURED CLAIMS

(Continuation Sheet)

	]	Jusband, Wife, Joint or Community					
CREDITOR'S NAME AND MAILING ADDRESS INCLUDING ZIP CODE AND AN ACCOUNT NUMBER (See Instructions Above)	C O D E B T O R	NATURE OF LIEN, AND DESCRIPTION AND VALUE	C O N T I N G E N T	U N L I Q U I D A T E D	D I S P U T E D	AMOUNT OF CLAIM WITHOUT DEDUCTING VALUE OF COLLATERAL	UNSECURED PORTION, IF ANY

(Report also on Summary of Schedules)

If applicable, report also on Statistical Summary of Certain Liabilities and Related Data)

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Debtor(s)

#### AMENDED SCHEDULE C - PROPERTY CLAIMED AS EXEMPT

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Description of Property	Specify Law Providing Each Exemption	Value of Claimed Exemption	Current Value of Property Without Deducting Exemption
Cash on Hand			
Cash on hand Location: In Debtors' Possession	C.C.P. § 703.140(b)(5)	50.00	50.00
Checking, Savings, or Other Financial Account	ts, Certificates of Deposit		
Schools First FCU Checking x5975 - Balance Less Than	C.C.P. § 703.140(b)(5)	1,000.00	1,000.00
Water & Power Community Credit Union Savings Acct - Balance Less Than	C.C.P. § 703.140(b)(5)	50.00	50.00
Household Goods and Furnishings			
Misc used household goods and furnishings Location: 11923 Ratner St, North Hollywood CA 91605	C.C.P. § 703.140(b)(3)	2,000.00	2,000.00
Wearing Apparel			
Misc used clothing Location: 11923 Ratner St, North Hollywood CA 91605	C.C.P. § 703.140(b)(3)	1,000.00	1,000.00
Furs and Jewelry			
Misc used jewelry Location: 11923 Ratner St, North Hollywood CA 91605	C.C.P. § 703.140(b)(4)	1,525.00	2,000.00
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Interests in Insurance Policies			
Primerca Term life insurance policy for Debtorno cash value, believed no saleable value	C.C.P. § 703.140(b)(7)	[CORRECTED] 0.00	0.00
Primerca Term life insurance policy for Joint			
Debtorno cash value, believed no saleable value	C.C.P. § 703.140(b)(7)	[CORRECTED] 0.00	0.00

<sup>\*</sup>Amount subject to adjustment on 4/01/16, and every three years thereafter with respect to cases commenced on or after the date of adjustment. Schedule of Property Claimed as Exempt consists of 2 total page(s)

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### AMENDED SCHEDULE C - PROPERTY CLAIMED AS EXEMPT

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Description of Property		Law Providing h Exemption	Value of Claimed Exemption	Current Value of Property Without Deducting Exemption
Interests in IRA, ERISA, Keogh, or Other Pens	sion or Profit Shar	ing Plans		
Joint-Debtor's CalPERS Account	C.C.P. § 703.14	0(b)(10)(E)	[CORRECTED] 16,981.12	16,981.12
Western Conference of Teamsters Pension TrustHas no liquidatable value. Debtor is entitled to monthly retirement benefit of \$1165 per month at retirement age.	C.C.P. § 703.14	0(b)(10)(E)	[CORRECTED] 100,000.00	0.00
Automobiles, Trucks, Trailers, and Other Vehic	<u>cles</u>			
2007 Chevrolet Silverado 88k mi Location: 11923 Ratner St, North Hollywood CA 91605	C.C.P. § 703.14	0(b)(5)	432.00	9,791.00
2007 Chevrolet Tahoe 100k mi Location: 11923 Ratner St, North Hollywood CA 91605	C.C.P. § 703.14 C.C.P. § 703.14	. , . ,	5,100.00 9,050.00	14,150.00
		Total:	[CORRECTED] 137,663.12	47,022.12

#### **PROOF OF SERVICE**

I hereby co	ertify that a copy of the An	endment(s) was(were) mailed to the following parties on 5/22/2014:
See Attach	ned Service List.	
DATED:	May 22, 2014	Nicole Dominguez
		Print or Type Name
		/s/ Nicole Dominguez
		Signature
		(SEE ATTACHED MAILING LIST.)

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FLORES, ALEJANDRO AND GOMEZ, LORRIANE (1:14-bk-11057-AA)
BANKRUPTCY LAW CENTER, APC

Elizabeth Rojas, Trustee 15060 Ventura Blvd., Ste 240 Sherman Oaks, CA 91403

Office of the US Trustee 915 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 1850 Los Angeles, CA 90017

Bank of America Attn: C Unit/CA6-919-02-41 Po Box 5170 Simi Valley, CA 93062

Bank of America, National Assn c/o CT Corporation System 818 W Seventh St Los Angeles, CA 90017

Bank of America, National Assn 101 North Tryon St Charlotte, NC 28202

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In re:	Alejandro Flores Lorraine Gomez	Debtor(s).	CHAPTER: 13 CASE NUMBER: 1:14-bk-11057

#### PROOF OF SERVICE OF DOCUMENT

I am over the age of 18 and not a party to this bankruptcy case or adversary proceeding. My business address is:

1230 Columbia St #1100 San Diego CA 92101

A true and correct copy of the foregoing document entitled (*specify*): DEBTORS' NOTICE OF OPPOSITION AND OPPOSITION TO TRUSTEE'S OBJECTION TO CLAIM OF EXEMPTION AND ATTACHED POINTS AND AUTHORITIES, DECLARATION, AND EXHIBITS will be served or was served (a) on the judge in chambers in the form and manner required by LBR 5005-2(d); and (b) in the manner stated below:

- 1. TO BE SERVED BY THE COURT VIA NOTICE OF ELECTRONIC FILING (NEF): Pursuant to controlling General Orders and LBR, the foregoing document will be served by the court via NEF and hyperlink to the document. On 06/19/2014, I checked the CM/ECF docket for this bankruptcy case or adversary proceeding and determined that the following persons are on the Electronic Mail Notice List to receive NEF transmission at the email addresses stated below:
  - (x) Elizabeth Rojas, Trustee (cacb\_ecf\_sv@ch13wla.com)
  - (x) US Trustee (ustpregion16.wh.ecf@usdoj.gov)

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#### 2. SERVED BY UNITED STATES MAIL:

On 06/19/2014, I served the following persons and/or entities at the last known addresses in this bankruptcy case or adversary proceeding by placing a true and correct copy thereof in a sealed envelope in the United States mail, first class, postage prepaid, and addressed as follows. Listing the judge here constitutes a declaration that mailing to the judge will be completed no later than 24 hours after the document is filed.

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- 3. SERVED BY PERSONAL DELIVERY, OVERNIGHT MAIL, FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION OR EMAIL (state method for each person or entity served): Pursuant to F.R.Civ.P. 5 and/or controlling LBR, on 06/19/14 I served the following persons and/or entities by personal delivery, overnight mail service, or (for those who consented in writing to such service method), by facsimile transmission and/or email as follows. Listing the judge here constitutes a declaration that personal delivery on, or overnight mail to, the judge will be completed no later than 24 hours after the document is filed.
- (X) Hon. Alan Ahart 21041 Burbank Blvd Ste 342/Ctrm 303 Woodland Hills, CA 91367

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I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the foregoing is true and correct.

June 19, 2014

Brett Bodie 264452

Printed Name

Brett Bodie 264452

Signature